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1. It is compulsory for all new housing constructed in Sofia to have air raid shelters. New buildings of this nature are usually between 5 and 7 stories high and are constructed of reinforced concrete. 25X1
2. The air raid shelters built in the cellars are also of reinforced concrete. They are so constructed that they are separated from the outside walls of the building by a corridor of between 1.20 and 1.50 meters in width (see attached sketch). 25X1
3. The walls of the shelters themselves are made of M-90 concrete (this means concrete which has a resistance of 90 kilograms to the square centimeter), and are between 50 and 60 centimeters thick. The ceilings of the shelters are constructed of M-200 concrete (capable of resisting 200 kilograms to the square centimeter) and are between 25 and 40 centimeters thick. The concrete for the ceilings is doubly reinforced and is calculated to support the whole weight of the building, if the building is destroyed above it. 25X1
4. In addition to the rooms for accommodating persons (see Nos. 1 and 2 on sketch), it is compulsory to provide bathrooms with an apparatus for the provision of drinking water (No. 3 on sketch) as well as installations for air conditioning which is carried out by the use of water and electricity (No. 4 on sketch). 25X1
5. The principal entrance to a shelter is always situated near the staircase of the building and protected by 2 doors; one is of the MB-2 type, between 0.83 and 1.83 centimeters thick, made of cement which is added to 1.2 centimeters of steel (blendée de dalle en acier de 12 mm.); the second type is also MB-2, between 0.83 and 1.83 centimeters thick with steel of 6 millimeters and cement. Both doors close hermetically. 25X1
6. On the other side of the shelter, another entrance has to be constructed which consists of 2 metal doors of type MK-2 and MK-3. Both are again of 0.83 and 1.83 centimeters thick and close hermetically. This is the emergency entrance

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and exit to be used only when the other is locked. The hermetical sealing is done by rubber bands.

7. The above is a description of the ordinary type of air raid shelter, but special air raid shelters have been constructed in selected buildings, such as the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Palace of Justice. A very large special air raid shelter is being constructed for the Ministerial Council and Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party under the garden of the Ministerial Council Building, which is the old Royal Palace. This shelter is completely underground and the entrance is situated at the bottom of the hill on which the garden is located on Tetevenska Street near Dondukov Boulevard. The garden rises to a height of about 40 meters. The shelter was constructed in 1953-1954.
8. In 1953 soldiers were building a large subterranean construction in the Vitosha Mountain near Sofia. This may have been a shelter for then Premier Chervenkov, who together with many Ministers and Deputy Ministers lived in the Boyana area of Sofia.
9. Attached is a sketch of the type of air raid shelters described above.

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